Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 7 and 8, which stand withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and without prejudice to the right to file a divisional application directed thereto. Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and amend claims 4 - 6 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 3 (canceled)

 (currently amended) A sample-setting moving stage, comprising a table on which a sample is set under vacuum or reduced pressure atmosphere,

the <u>a</u> first guide and the <u>a</u> second guide that guide the movement of the table in the X-axis direction and Y-axis direction in a plane, respectively,

a temperature sensor installed near the <u>a</u> sample-setting portion which is a part of the table on which the sample is set,

a flow path of the <u>a</u> heat-exchanging medium that cools enables cooling of the sample-setting portion via the <u>first and second guide</u>, and <u>guides</u>,

a temperature adjustment means adjuster that adjusts the temperature of the sample-setting portion by means of the heat-exchanging control medium; and

further comprising a gas-lubrication type third guide that comprises two guide members, one of which is a fixed side guide member, the third guide guiding guides the table in at least one of the X-axis direction and the Y-axis every direction in the plane; of movement of the table,

wherein the flow path of the heat-exchanging medium being is provided through the inside of the non-moving fixed side guide member of the two guide members of the third guide or through the inside of a member attached to the fixed side guide member.

- 5. (currently amended) A sample-setting moving stage according to Claim 4, wherein the flow path of the heat-exchanging medium is so widely extended that the flow path is located just under the table almost everywhere in the and extends substantially over the entirety of the plane of the table movement.
- 6. (previously presented) A sample-setting moving stage according to Claim 4, further comprising

a second temperature sensor, installed in the heat transfer path from the flow path of the heat-exchanging medium to the sample-setting table, and

multiple lines of flow path of the heat-exchanging medium; wherein the temperature adjustment means-adjuster adjusts the temperature of the medium, flowing in the multiple lines of flow path independently from each other, based on the information from the second temperature sensor and from the temperature sensor installed near the sample.

Claims 7 and 8 (canceled)

- 9. (previously presented) A manufacturing apparatus for circuit pattern, on which a circuit pattern is formed on a sample by irradiation of charged particle ray, X-ray or extreme ultraviolet (EUV), equipped with a sample-setting moving stage according to Claim 4.
- 10. (previously presented) An inspection apparatus for circuit pattern, on which charged particle ray is radiated onto a sample with circuit pattern so as to inspect the

circuit pattern, equipped with a sample-setting moving stage according to Claim 4.